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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

X¹⁸ is S, K or Q, and

Claims 1-44 (canceled)

Claim 45 (previously presented): A peptide comprising an amino sequence provided by Formula II (SEQ ID NO: 39):

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QTX<sup>1</sup>TVGGQASX<sup>2</sup>QASSLTX<sup>3</sup>LFSX<sup>4</sup>GX<sup>5</sup>KQN, wherein
X<sup>1</sup> is either H or T;
X<sup>2</sup> is either H or R;
X<sup>3</sup> is either S, G, or R;
X<sup>4</sup> is either P, L or Q; and
X<sup>5</sup> is either A, S, or P.
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Claim 46 (previously presented): A peptide comprising an amino sequence provided by

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Formula I (SEQ ID NO: 1):
X^{1} T X^{2} X^{3} X^{4} G G X^{5} X^{6} X^{7} X^{8} X^{9} X^{10} X^{11} X^{12} L X^{13} X^{14} L F X^{15} X^{16} G X^{17} X^{18} Q X^{19}
wherein,
X<sup>1</sup> is O or T,
X^2 is H, T or R,
X^3 is V or T,
X^4 is T or V,
X<sup>5</sup> is S, V or Q,
X^6 is A, Q or V,
X^7 is A, G or S,
X^8 is R or H,
X^9 is T, A or Q,
X<sup>10</sup> is T, A or V,
X<sup>11</sup> is S, H or R,
X^{12} is G, S or R,
X^{13} is T or V,
X<sup>14</sup> is S, G or R,
X^{15} is S or R,
X^{16} is P, L, S or Q,
X<sup>17</sup> is A, P or S,
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X^{19} is N or K.

Claim 47 (previously presented): A peptide according to claim 46 with an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

- 2.11 QTHTVGGVQGRQAHSLTSLFSPGASQN (SEQ ID NO: 2)
- D6 QTTTTGGQVSHATHGLTGLFSLGPQQK (SEQ ID NO: 3)
- D18 QTHTTGGSASHQASGLTRLFSQGPSQN (SEQ ID NO: 4)
- F63 OTHVVGGQQGRQVSSLVSLFSPGASQK (SEQ ID NO: 5)
- G31 TTHTVGGSVARQVHSLTGLFSPGPQQK (SEQ ID NO: 6)
- L13 QTHTVGGSQAHAAHSLTRLFSPGSSQN (SEQ ID NO: 7)
- M69 QTTVVGGSQARAAHGLVSLFSLGSKQN (SEQ ID NO: 8)
- Z61 QTHVVGGVQGRQTSGLVGLFSPGSKQN (SEQ ID NO: 9)
- R9 QTTVVGGSQSHTVRGLTSLFSPGASQN (SEQ ID NO: 10)
- B26 TTTTTGGQAGHQAHSLTSLFSPGASQK (SEQ ID NO: 11)
- B22 OTHVVGGVQSHQTSGLTSLFSPGASQK (SEQ ID NO: 12)
- B35 OTHTTGGVQGHQTSRLTSLFSPGPSQN (SEQ ID NO: 13)
- D29 TTTVVGGQAAHQTHSLTSLFSPGAKQN (SEQ ID NO: 14)
- D33 TTTTTGGQQSHTVHGLVGLFSPGSKQN (SEQ ID NO: 15)
- E26 QTHTVGGVQAHTVRGLTSLFSPGSSQN (SEQ ID NO: 16)
- F80 QTHTTGGQAGHTASSLTGLFSPGAKQN (SEQ ID NO: 17)
- F19 QTTTVGGVASHQAHSLTGLFSPGAKQK (SEQ ID NO: 18)
- F78 QTHTTGGQAGHQAHSLTGLFSPGAKQN (SEQ ID NO: 19)
- H1 QTHTTGGVVGHATSGLTSLFSPGPSQK (SEQ ID NO: 20)
- L76 TTTTVGGQASHQTSSLTGLFSPGSKQN (SEQ ID NO: 21)
- B24 TTTTVGGQASHTTSSLTGLFSPGASQK (SEQ ID NO: 37)
- M63 OTHTTGGVVSHQTRSLVGLFSPGPQQN (SEQ ID NO: 38)
- M27 OTTTTGGVASHAAHRLTSLFSPGPQQK (SEQ ID NO: 22)
- M122 QTTTTGGSASHAVSSLTGLFSPGSKQN (SEQ ID NO: 23)
- M129 QTTVVGGSAGHTASSLVGLFSPGSKQN (SEQ ID NO: 24)
- M119 TTTTVGGQASHTTSSLTGLFSPGSQQN (SEQ ID NO: 25)

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- R5 QTHTTGGQASHQVSSLVSLFSPGAKQK (SEQ ID NO: 26)
- R6 TTTTTGGQVGHQTSGLTGLFSPGAQQN (SEQ ID NO: 27)
- R27 TTHVVGGSASHAVRGLTSLFSPGSSQN (SEQ ID NO: 28)

Claim 48 (previously presented): A peptide of any of the following amino acid sequences:

- B14 QTTVTGQASHTTSSLTGLFSPGASQK (SEQ ID NO: 29)
- B33 ATHATGGQAAHSTHSLTSLFSPGASQK (SEQ ID NO: 30)
- F81 OTHVTGGSAAHQTGGLTGLFSPGPKQN (SEQ ID NO: 31)
- B18 QTTVVGGQASHVSRLTGLFSPGSSQK (SEQ ID NO: 32)
- E19 TTHTGGQQAHTTSRLVSLFSPGASQK (SEQ ID NO: 36)
- L72 QTTTAAHTTSGLTGLFSPGAKQN (SEQ ID NO: 33)
- D20 QTHVTGVAGRQTSGLVSLFSPGSSQN (SEQ ID NO: 34)
- D30 QGGVQGHTTSSLVGLFSPGSQQN (SEQ ID NO: 35)

Claims 49-97 (canceled):

Claim 98 (previously presented): The peptide of claim 45, wherein said peptide consists of said amino acid sequence.

Claim 99 (previously presented): The peptide of claim 46, wherein said peptide consists of said amino acid sequence.